


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: March 4, 2011
TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren
FROM: Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development
RE: Friday Report 
CC: Board of Aldermen
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

Monday 3/07/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban Fabric Subcommittee of the Transportation Advisory Committee, 5:30 p.m., Room 222• Planning and Development Board, 7:30 p.m., Room 209
Tuesday 3/08/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 209• Auburndale Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 203• Land Use Committee - cancelled
Wednesday 3/09/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton Housing Partnership, 7:45 a.m., Room 202• Bike Newton's Steering Committee, 7:00 p.m., Brigham House (20 Hartford St.)
Thursday 3/10/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WestMetro Home Consortium, 11:30 a.m., Room 202• Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission - cancelled

- **Urban Fabric Subcommittee of the Transportation Advisory Committee:** The Committee will meet on Monday, March 7th at 5:30 p.m. in Room 222. For more information, **contact Seth Zeren at 617.796.1145 or email: szeren@newtonma.gov**
- **Planning and Development Board:** The Board will meet Monday, March 7th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. Agenda items for the Board acting as the Community Development Board include consideration of the approval of the February 7th minutes, a public hearing on the FY12 Annual Action Plan for the City of Newton and the WestMetro HOME Consortium, and an update on plans for the Mayor's Roundtable discussion on the CDBG program as well as plans for National Community Development Week (April 25th – 29th, 2011). **Contact Kathleen Cahill at 617.796.1125 or email: kcahill@newtonma.gov.**
- **Economic Development Commission:** The Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. The agenda includes EDC Business (nomination and election of officers; vote on 2010 Annual Report), continuing the discussion of a strategy for a Business Improvement District (BID) in Newton Centre, report of the Feasibility Analysis Working Group, and a call for commission members to volunteer for the Economic Development Advisory Group (EDAC). **Contact Amanda Stout at 617.796.1127 or astout@newtonma.gov.**
- **Auburndale Historic District:** The Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 203. Items on the agenda include: **321 Central Street** request for final approval of materials selection and final plans for moving home, building an addition, and landscaping alterations. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or blever@newtonma.gov.**
- **Newton Housing Partnership:** The Newton Housing Partnership will meet on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:45 a.m. in Room 202. The agenda includes approval of the February meeting minutes, an Open Meeting Law Q & A with City Clerk David Olson, discussion of potential advocacy efforts in light of proposed cuts to CDGB funding, overview of the roles and responsibilities of NHP subcommittees, discussion on when the NHP should meet (day/time) in the future and other business including updates on current housing proposals, fair housing, regulatory progress, and related items. **Contact Robert A. Muollo at 617-796-1145 or email rmuollo@newtonma.gov.**
- **BikeNewton Steering Committee:** The Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m., at the Brigham House, which is located at 20 Hartford Street in Newton Highlands. **Contact Seth Zeren at 617.796.1145 or email: szeren@newtonma.gov**

- **WestMetro Home Consortium:** The Consortium will meet on Thursday, March 10th at 10:00 a.m. in Room 222. Agenda items include a review of commitment and expenditure deadlines, status of the FFY11 and FFY12 budget process, and project updates. **Contact Amy Yuhasz at 617.796.1122 or email: ayuhasz@newtonma.gov**
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** The Commission's meeting on March 10th has been **cancelled**. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 14th with a filing deadline of March 30th. **Contact Katy Holmes at 617.796.1143 or email: kholmes@newtonma.gov.**
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The Committee's next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Newton Senior Center (345 Walnut Street, Newtonville). Information for the Committee's pre-meeting packet should be submitted by 9:00 a.m. on March 4th. The meeting agenda includes the current housing proposal for **112-116 Dedham Street** (working session & possible funding vote) and several Historic Newton projects: **Historic Burying Grounds** (working session & possible funding vote); **Jackson Homestead Exterior Preservation** (request for change of scope); **Museum Archives & Durant-Kenrick Homestead** (updates on funded projects). Meeting details and full proposals are available online from www.newtonma.gov/cpa, or **contact Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144 or email: aingerson@newtonma.gov**
- **Help us keep our City clean!** In an effort to curb clutter on our roadsides and in our village centers, the Planning Department would like to familiarize residents with the rules that pertain to the posting of temporary signage in the City. Temporary signs, such as those posted for yard sales and services offered are limited by Newton Zoning Ordinance to five square feet in size and one sign per premises. Such signs can be posted a maximum of three days preceding the event and should be removed within twenty-four hours after the event. Flyers and other notices, such as for lost pets and advertisements, cannot be placed on public property, such as on utility poles, street furniture, or within 8 feet of the pavement edge without the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works. Flyers on windshields often blow off and can also cause litter. Thank you for spreading the word and for helping to keep our City clean and attractive!